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In Appomattox County

Teachers seek 15% pay hike

Approximately 100 persons packed the Appomattox County School Board office Thursday to hear the Appomattox County Education Association's salary proposal for the 1981-82 school year.

Joyce Jamerson, spokesperson for the ACEA, said she and her co-workers are "no longer willing to sit back and be unheard" regarding school employees' pay in Appomattox County.

The four-part salary proposal outlined at the meeting Thursday was as follows:

1. The masters degree supplement should be increased from $1,000 annually to $1,200 annually.

2. Longevity steps should be included in the teachers' salary scale to increase the benefits of career teachers. The proposed steps would be added at - 20 years' experience, $400 additional step; 25 years' experience, $500 additional step; 30 years' experience, $600 additional step.

3. Longevity steps should be included in the secretary's salary scale to increase the benefits of the career secretary. The proposed steps would be added at - 15 years' experience, $300 additional step; 20 years' experience, $400 additional step.

4. A 15 percent across-the-board salary increase (excluding the step) be included in the 1981-82 budget.

"As professionals, we wish to upgrade and maintain the quality of the teaching staff," Jamerson said. "We feel that an improved salary will attract more applicants and, more importantly, keep the experienced teachers in our school system and reduce the turnover rate."

Jamerson also said the teachers feel their salaries should be more competitive with those of surrounding school systems, that salary schedules should be structured to keep up with the rate of inflation, and that teachers' salaries should "be comparable to those of other professionals required to have a minimum of four years of college education as a job requisite."

Pointing to charts compiled by the ACEA, Jamerson noted that the salary range for teachers in Appomattox ranks below those of neighboring communities, and that county teachers' salary increases over the past 5 years have lagged behind the annual increases in the consumer price index.

Jamerson also cited a survey conducted by the ACEA, noting that more than half (53 percent) of the teachers in the county depend upon their salary as a primary source of income, 18 percent of the teachers depend on extra jobs to supplement their income, and an average of $75 is spent annually be each teacher to purchase instructional materials.

In addition, Jamerson said, a minimum of 18 hours is spent each week outside of the contract hours in school-related activities and instructional planning, and 48 percent of those responding have taken graduate or non-graduate classes since college graduation, for which they personally paid for tuition and books.

Jamerson added that six teachers of those polled foresee leaving the teaching profession in Appomattox County due solely to the salary received while an additional 26 teachers foresee leaving the profession in Appomattox with salary accounting for one of the reasons.

School board members thanked the ACEA for their presentation following Jamerson's comments. Superintendent of Schools Lloyd Walton noted that the salary proposal will be reviewed for consideration in formulating the school budget for the 1981-82 session.

He added later last week that the board hopes to receive additional funding from the state General Assembly during the coming session to fund primary and secondary public school teachers' salaries.

PHILLIP SEAY AND RODNEY MARSTON, Appomattox County deputies, recently completed the Breath Alcohol Operator Course.

Young deputies recognized here

B. Phillip Seay and B. Rodney Marston, Appomattox County Sheriff's Department deputies have completed the Breath Alcohol Operators Course conducted November 10-15, at the Madison Heights Criminal Justice Training Center.

Deputy Seay was employed with the Sheriff's Department on October 16, 1978. Deputy Marston was employed on August 27, 1979. Both deputies have attended the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course, Courthouse and Courtroom Security Basic School, Physical Evidence Collection Course and many other courses dealing with various aspects of law enforcement.

These deputies have received much recognition and many commendations since becoming employed with the Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Marston received certificates of recognition in Operation Deadbolt and Self-Defense for Citizens.

Deputy Seay has worked as an investigator with the Regional Drug Squad and received a certificate of recognition for outstanding service with the 'Operation Sting'. He is an instructor in physical training with the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Training Center. While in training at this center, he received the 'The Most Valuable' Award in Physical Training.

These deputies have proven themselves to be credits to the Sheriff's Department and the law enforcement profession.

For Christmas, New Years

Deadlines changed

The **Times-Virginian** will be printed a day early next week and the following week, so that mail subscribers to the paper will receive their copies of those issues before the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Final deadline for all news, display advertising and classified advertising copy will be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, for the Christmas issue, and 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29 for the New Year's issue.

Those with news or advertising copy are encouraged to get their information in to the **Times-Virginian** office on Court Street as soon as possible, preferrably on Friday.

The papers will be distributed to newsstands on Tuesday afternoon the week of the Christmas holiday and the week of the New Year's holiday.

The newspaper office will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25 and Thursday, Jan.1 so that the staff may enjoy the holidays.

The **Times-Virginian** wishes all of Appomattox a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

ARCO has till Friday

Metals law approved

An ordinance which will require a $1,000 license fee from "itinerant" precious metals merchants in Appomattox was approved unanimously by the County Board of Supervisors Friday.

The ordinance, which was proposed earlier this year, was re-written by the Commonwealth's Attorney at the request of the Supervisors to exclude merchants who are residents of Appomattox County or who have been in business here for at least six months.

The ordinance was enacted to reduce the risk of the theft of precious metals in Appomattox County.

The Supervisors also heard testimony, relative to the Board's intention to cancel Arco, Inc's Appomattox cablevision franchise.

The Supervisors had called the public hearing to determine the fate of the Arco Cablevision franchise after being informed earlier this year that Arco was not fulfilling its franchise agreements.

W.R. Britton, special projects assistant for the county, pointed out that the company has not provided the county with an insurance bond or a financial statement regarding the company's operations. In addition, the company has in recent months come under criticism for poor service, and its failure to provide a paid movie channel or all-sports channel. Britton added that the cable reception has improved in recent weeks, and said plans are in the works to incorporate satellite reception in the Appomattox system, which would enable local subscribers to receive a paid movie channel and sports station.

Stanley Deimler representing Arco, apologized for the written documents not being on hand as per the franchise agreement, and noted that he is spending more time in Appomattox now to improve the cable reception and install new equipment which will enable Appomattox subscribers to receive additional channels.

Dr. S.R. Lawson, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, said "It looks like this whole contract has been handled loosely. . . Our job is to protect the people of Appomattox, the taxpayers."

He and Supervisors Horace Coleman and Franklin Vaughan agreed to grant Arco an extension until this Friday (December 18) to have the necessary documents in the county clerk's office. If not, then the board will cancel Arco's franchise.

In shooting incident

Man sentenced to eight years

A man accused of firing a shotgun at the home of Commonwealth's Attorney W. Sam Kerr in the early morning hours of June 19 was sentenced to 8 years in prison by a circuit court jury here Friday.

Kenneth Charles Huff, 26, of Appomattox, was convicted of maliciously firing a gun at an occupied dwelling by the jury, which deliberated less than an hour before pronouncing its decision.

Lynchburg Commonwealth's Attorney William G. Petty prosecuted the case.

Huff was tried for an incident which occured around 4 a.m. the morning of June 19. According to Kerr, he and his wife were asleep at their home on Church Street when they were awakened by a shotgun blast. He looked out the window and saw a car leaving his driveway. The description he gave of the car matched that of Huff's automobile.

Town Officer Lynn Allen Smith said he heard the blast and began pursuit of Huff's vehicle. The chase ended when Huff's car wrecked and overturned. Huff was removed from the car and taken to the hospital.

Appomattox County Sheriff J.E. Richardson testified that he arrived at the scene shortly after the accident and found a shotgun in the wrecked vehicle. He said there were two empty shotgun shells in the weapon. In addition, impressions from two apparent shotgun blasts, as well as shotgun wadding and collars were found by investigators in the front yard of Kerr's home.

Holiday decor set

The Appomattox Court House National Historical Park will celebrate the holiday season with an open house Thursday, December 18 (today). The park is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The village of Appomattox Court House, where the four-year tragedy of Civil War ended in a gentleman's peace, will reflect its appearance at Christmas in 1865, with exterior and interior decorations.

A costumed hostess will welcome visitors to the historic McLean House, where General Robert E. Lee and General U.S. Grant met and agreed to the surrender, which effectively ended the Civil War.

Trees decorated with gingerbread men, popcorn and berry garlands will be placed in the McLean House and the courthouse. Tables and mantles will be decorated with holly and magnolia leaves, and running cedar and wreaths will be put on exterior railings and doors of various buildings. These decorations will remain in place through Christmas.

All are welcome to visit the Village for the open house and any time throughout the Christmas season and New Year. The park is open every day of the year from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for Christmas Day, December 25.

Lions meet tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight (Thursday) at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant at 6:45 p.m.

The Rev. Clarence (Whitey) Davis will present a Christmas program at the meeting. Lion John Hall will lead the club members in singing Christmas carols.

Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Sunday, December 21, will be a special day. It is the shortest day of the year. And it marks the beginning of Winter, precisely at 11:56 A.M. Some call it the Winter Soltice. On that day the sun rises and sets at its most southern position on the horizon. In ancient times the day was recognized with ceremonies which became traditions. The American Hopi Indians built a nine-day ritual around the Winter Soltice. Other tribes practiced rites, dances and salutes to the change of Season. The ways, the rules, the whims of the Natural World fascinated ancient mankind, influencing their tribal movement, agriculture and hunting. Ah yes, December 21 is a special day, and it also my birthday.

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Most everyone reads the food store ads. As they should. The other day I came across some items that I had forgotten about. Citron, glazed pineapple, glazed cherries, diced lemon and orange peel. Now I remember. They are ingredients for holiday desserts. Heavens to Betsy, when housewives made their own fruit cakes, they needed ingredients not regularly on the pantry shelf. I do not recall my late Mother ever making a fruit cake or a mincemeat pie. Being a minister's family, we ate out a lot, especially during the Christmas season. But I do recall that Christmas was a time for showing off kitchen art. No such thing as a diet in December. I am sure our readers will "eat high on the hog" this Christmas, even as they are generous with those not so fortunate.

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Did I dream it? A fabulous Christmas toy. A Goodyear blimp, a foot long, with battery, that actually floated through the house!

Papers used to receive scores of "Letters to Santa Claus." Our sophisticated world does not write to Santa as of yore. I believe in Santa and would ask him that our world may have salvation, peace, health and security. I do not believe Santa Claus hides up a chimney, but lives in the hearts of good boys and girls, men and women.

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Football, football, football. I saw parts of three games on TV in one day. One was decided in the last seconds. And a string of bowl games coming up. But do not overlook basketball, especially that fine team at Univ. of Virginia.

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Christmas Carols! Usually some church or club groups tour the town and neighborhood singing Carols. A fine tradition. Wish I could sing, but could not carry a tune in a basket.

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An item states that the Virginia Military Institute marching band will participate in the Inaugural Parade Jan. 20. The ACHS band won honors in a nearby Christmas parade.

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Event for 1981. The British under Lord Cornwallis "surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, Oct. 16, 1781, so we have a 200th anniversary to observe next year.

Please. Let's make it a safe holiday. Do not mar it by highway deaths, fires, or careless mistakes. Wish you the best of everything, and thanks for reading. Seeya around.

Bloodmobile vists Monday

Give blood, save lives

Ronnie Spiggle, mayor of the Town of Appomattox and Bill Britton, town manager will be on hand to do their part in meeting the quota of 200 units of blood at the special Appomattox Donorama on Dec.22 at Liberty Baptist Church from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

That leaves 198 units before Appomattox meets its quota. Will you be there?

Are you aware that all of the blood used in this community comes from volunteers who donate through the Red Cross Blood Services?

Giving blood is a simple procedure....doesn't even hurt. Well, maybe, kind of like a little pinch. Following a medical interview, a participant's blood pressure, pulse, and hemoglobin are checked. It actually takes only about ten minutes from start to finish to give a unit of blood.

After you have donated you have a wait of approximately fifteen minutes and you are served soft drinks and a snack. You may then go about your business as usual with the satisfaction that you have given someone a chance at life that they may not have had without your help.

It was during World War I that the significance of the use of blood transfusions became a reality following the development of a safe anti-coagulent in 1915.

Although growth of transfusion use for major surgery patients developed slowly, 13 Red Cross chapters in the United States were operating blood donor services by 1936.

We are approaching the busy holiday season and the demand for blood normally increases and the support of the public is needed.

"But," you may think, "can I really spare it?" Can You? Of Course!

The average person has an average of ten to twelve pints of blood in his body. The body begins to replace the sixteen ounces given at a Red Cross Bloodmobile immediately, according to Red Cross authorities.

Blood donors are not unusual people, they're not physically superior, not smarter, not even healthier than other people. But, they do have one thing in common.....they care enough to give their time and their blood to save lives. Do you care that much? What if you needed blood and there wasn't any?

THE BLOODMOBILE will be in Appomattox Monday, Dec. 22, at Liberty Baptist Church from noon to 6 p.m. The quota for Appomattox County has been increased to 200 units for this visit.